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BUREAU OF HEALTH SERVICE PROFESSIONS

ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSE PRESCRIBER APPLICATION INFORMATION

IMPORTANT -- PLEASE READ

Section N 8.08 of the board's Administrative Code provides that advanced practice nurse prescribers "shall maintain in effect malpractice insurance in an amount not less than the amount set forth in s. 655.23(4), Stats." With three exceptions, the rule requires that the applicant have **individual professional liability coverage of \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and \$3,000,000 for all occurrences in any one policy year.**

The exceptions to the requirement for individual coverage are as follows:

- (1) Where the advanced practice nurse prescriber practices as the employee of the state or of a governmental subdivision.
- (2) Where the advanced practice nurse prescriber is covered under a group liability policy providing individual coverage for the nurse in the amounts set forth in sec. 655.23(4), Stats.
- (3) Where the advanced practice nurse prescriber works under the direction and supervision of a physician or nurse anesthetist, and does not prescribe independently.

Applicants for certification as advanced practice nurse prescribers who have group malpractice coverage rather than an individual professional liability policy, must determine whether the policy provides individual coverage or only shared coverage. If the policy provides only for shared coverage, and if the applicant intends to prescribe independently, the policy does not meet the requirements of section N 8.08, Code, and it will be necessary for your group practice to change your coverage to individual coverage in the amounts specified, either through amendment to the group policy or by acquiring individual personal liability coverage in the amounts specified. If the certificate of insurance or insurance declaration submitted as proof of insurance does not establish whether coverage is individual or shared, a supplementary declaration from the insurer or a certification of individual coverage from the insurer or your employer must be provided.

If you do not have an individual professional liability policy, it will be necessary for you to complete the appropriate section(s) of the certification form included with your application materials. **THE RISK MANAGER OR OTHER PERSON ADMINISTERING YOUR FACILITY'S INSURANCE PROGRAM SHOULD BE ABLE TO ASSIST YOU IN DETERMINING THE CORRECT SECTION TO COMPLETE.**